

RCA STUDENT CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP



WHY APPLY?

We're excited to share a new opportunity for Culinology, Food Science, and Culinary Arts students. The RCA Student and Young Professionals Committee is introducing a sponsored opportunity to help students attend the 2026 RCA Annual Conference.

Students will apply and be selected based on academic excellence. The applicants will be reviewed and selected to then receive a reimbursement for travel, lodging, and fees up to \$1,000.*

This is an opportunity to go to the 2026 Research Chefs Association Conference in Westminster, Colorado to experience enriching breakout sessions and keynote speakers while creating strong networks with other students and leaders in the industry.

WHAT TO DO?

- Apply by Jan. 16, 2026. See the next page for details, and tell us about yourself and your successes.
- If you are chosen, get ready for the excitement of the 2026 RCA Conference (March 10-12, 2026).
- During expo you will have the opportunity to volunteer at your sponsors booth or walk around the expo with them.
- Look forward to meeting other students and networking with potential future employers and colleagues.

***This is a reimbursement of up to \$1,000. If total expenses of the student are less than \$1,000 the student will not receive the remainder of the amount.**

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Please email the RCA Student and Young Professionals Committee by Jan. 16, 2026, and include the following:

- Name
- School
- Major
- Year in school
- If you are an RCA member and if you've attended an RCA conference before.
- Information about yourself including hobbies, interests, and aspirations.
- Why you chose your major and how RCA made an impact on your education.
- What has been the best experience in your schooling and/or RCA.
- What has been your involvement in your school's department (clubs, tutoring, etc.) and/or RCA (if applicable)? Do you have involvement in extracurriculars outside of your academic department?
- Tell us about your academic successes (scholarships, honors, awards, nominations, etc.).
- How would this scholarship impact your schooling and your future in the food industry? What would it mean to you?

Email RCA-SYPcommittee@culinology.org to show your interest! Deadline to apply: January 16, 2026.

Also, please confirm that you understand this is a reimbursement of qualifying expenses that will not exceed \$1,000. You will also not get the remainder of the funds if your travel fees are less than \$1,000.